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PERSHING FORMALLY INVITED TO ENGLAND

Fiasco in Congressional Medal to Unknown Soldier Believed Avoided.

BLUNDER SERIES ENDED

King Takes Hand When Bureau Chiefs Become Enmeshed in Red Tape.

DATE STILL UNCERTAIN

Doughboy Guard of Honor Probably Will Not Take Part in Ceremonies.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
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New York Herald Bureau, London, Oct. 11.

Gen. Pershing is now expected to come to London early next week to place the Congressional Medal of Honor on the tomb of the unknown soldier in Westminster Abbey. An official invitation has been extended to him and he has expressed his pleasure and the hope of availing himself of it. Monday was the day tentatively fixed for this afternoon, but it was learned tonight that Gen. Pershing has an engagement to dine with Marshal Foch Monday night.

The entire fuss over what at first appeared to have been a slight on the part of the British Government in not inviting Gen. Pershing to London when it was known that he was bringing the Congressional Medal has now developed into a comedy of errors. All the responsible Government officials being out of town, either shooting or planning for Irish peace, they had left the matter to subordinates, who in some instances through indiscretion and in others through carelessness let the whole thing drift along.

Two Separate Incidents.

THE NEW YORK HERALD Bureau learns that the sequence of events was as follows: Late in August the Foreign Office received an intimation from the American Embassy that the United States Congress had voted to place the Congressional Medal on the British unknown warrior's tomb. Early in September Lord Curzon, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answered, according to an official statement from the Foreign Office tonight, "in the warmest terms, the answer being accompanied by an expression of profound appreciation for the action of Congress."

Neither of these communications contained a mention of Gen. Pershing as the bearer of the Congressional Medal, and about the time Pershing sailed from New York another intimation was received from the American Embassy that he would like to visit England. An answer was returned expressing pleasure over such a prospect. But neither of these communications mentioned the Congressional Medal of Honor. So the affair got into separate pigeonholes, one labelled "Congressional Medal" and the other "Pershing."

Not until last week did rumblings begin to come from Paris connecting these two files of correspondence, which were widely separated and in different departments of the Foreign Office. The embassy people got busy informally, but ran up against a little controversy with War Office experts in the procedure. These gentlemen held an extended discussion among themselves, envisaging the creation of a new precedent for the Victoria Cross and its bestowal on all sorts of "noble Allies" once it had been given to one. This went on until the present week, when the King returned to London.

King Steps Into Breach.

It is reported that the matter finally reached his ears after the publication of Paris despatches in New York, and

it is reported that the King once more stepped vigorously into Anglo-American affairs. Law officers suddenly discovered that the King and the Privy Council could bestow the Victoria Cross, and last night an invitation was hurried to Gen. Pershing through the British Embassy at Paris to come to London and place the Congressional Medal on the tomb.

It is realized that it will now be practically impossible for Pershing to come here with his own American escort, but elaborate preparations are being made to provide him with a suitable British escort. All idea of waiting until Great Britain's own ceremony on November 11 and of having Major-General Henry T. Allen bestow the American decoration has now been abandoned and Gen. Pershing will be pressed to the utmost to come himself for the bestowal of the Congressional Medal.

The British Foreign Office statement reads: "There is no truth to the assertion that there has been hesitation on the part of his Majesty's Government in regard to acceptance of the Congressional Medal, which the American Congress voted should be bestowed on the British unknown warrior. On the contrary, the American Ambassador's notification of the intention of the American Congress to bestow this decoration was answered by Marquis Curzon of Kedleston in the warmest terms, the answer being accompanied by an expression of profound appreciation for the action of Congress."

"It is deeply regretted that Gen. Pershing should, according to the press, have been inconvenienced by the delay in fixing the date for the bestowal of the Congressional Medal. The delay was due to the fact that it had been hoped to accompany the announcement of the date with an announcement of the honor which his Majesty will bestow in return upon the American unknown warrior, and in that regard difficult points of procedure arose which required reference to different Ministers and authorities, many of whom have been or are absent from London. Nor was it realized until very recently that Gen. Pershing's time in Europe was so limited. As soon as that was realized it was decided no longer to delay the arrangements for the bestowal of the Congressional Medal upon the unknown warrior."

"Gen. Pershing has consequently been informed that it is hoped he will find it before he returns to the United States, and he has expressed his pleasure at the suggestion, of which he hopes he will be able to avail himself in the future."

PERSHING WILL NOT GO TO LONDON WITH MEDAL

Herrick Will Transfer It to Embassy There.

PARIS, Oct. 12 (Wednesday).—"Gen. Pershing will not go to London," according to an authoritative statement issued in Paris last night. The Congressional Medal will be taken in charge by Ambassador Herrick for transfer to the American Embassy in London.

"Gen. Pershing's plans are to remain in Paris until he sails for the United States," says the statement. "He will have luncheon with Marshal Foch October 17, will be entertained by the Marquis de Noailles on the 18th, and will attend a reception at the Paris City Hall and dine at the American Embassy on the 20th."

6 BILLION NEW CROWNS IN AUSTRIAN CURRENCY

Heavy Run on Vienna Banks on Closing Report.

VIENNA, Oct. 11.—Rumors that the Government is framing drastic financial legislation, involving temporary stoppage of payment by the banks on account of the closing of safety deposits, caused a heavy run on the banks today. A contributory cause was the announcement that 6,000,000,000 crowns new currency had been issued last week.

79 MINUTES FROM WASHINGTON

Lieut. Ramey Flies to New York at 170 Miles an Hour.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Flying at an average speed of 170 miles an hour, Lieut. Howard K. Ramey, piloting a de Havilland army airplane in which Lieut. Leroy Wolfe was a passenger, yesterday made the trip from Washington to New York in 79 minutes, setting a new record. It was announced today at Bolling Field.

The previous best time for the trip was 88 minutes. The flight yesterday was made at an average height of 3,500 feet.

BRITISH CONFER IN CONCILIATORY MOOD

Delegates Meet in London With an Atmosphere of Fair Dealing.

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New York Herald Bureau, London, Oct. 11.

"Gallant" Smith of the Ulster army, now Lord Birkenhead, Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, and "Mike" Collins, commander of the Irish Republican army, got to swapping amiable stories today. That about represents the feeling prevailing at the first day's session of the Irish conference. It was not stated what the stories were, but reflections from participants in the conference unite in saying a proper atmosphere was created.

A further proof of this was in the fact that most of the day's real talk concerned alleged violations of the truce by both sides, and these allegations were submitted and considered in the utmost spirit of fairness and conciliation by both sides. The attitude was that the heads on neither side wanted any violations of the truce on the part of their partisans, and that if the allegations were proved true they would take steps to bring their partisans into line. Consequently the main conference takes a holiday to-morrow while the inevitable experts take these questions of violations in hand.

The main conference will regather Thursday morning. To-day, it was really stated, the conference did not touch on the main issues. There was no chairman of this meeting. It was merely a dozen men sitting around within easy arm's reach of each other, their portfolios and pads between them. In the official statements issued after the sessions the delegates are named without any official designation, which is regarded as a possible evasion of any recognition of the Irish Republic government.

When the afternoon session began the Prime Minister was smoking and the conference gradually took on an informal character. Before it was over laughter could be heard coming through the big doors—happy, good natured laughter on both sides.

Not Disturbed by De Valera.

A further favorable augury is that Government circles are not disturbed by Eamon de Valera's apparently fiery manifesto to the Irish people last night. The Government knows well how gossip runs in Ireland, to the effect that the Irish delegates are very fine men at home, but God help them in the hands of the "little Welsh Wizard" and it is known that Irish distrust of his methods still persists. The Government, however, is sure it can convince the Irish delegates of the soundness of Great Britain's desire to make peace.

The delegates came to Downing street through thousands of cheering, praying Irish men and women. Within the little thoroughfare itself there was a display of interest which was not evinced during the most epochal councils held there during the war. Hundreds of heads protruded from the windows of the Foreign and Colonial offices, and even from the residence of the Prime Minister at 10 Downing street itself. Perhaps an explanation of this is in the fact that there are scores and scores of Irish men and women, paradoxically enough, em-

Girls at Downing Street Avenue Insult to Irish

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Only one untoward incident marred the first day's session of the Irish peace conference. A young man passing through a crowd at the entrance to Downing street bought a small Sinn Fein flag which hawkers were selling and spat on it, threw it to the ground and trampled on it.

He was attacked immediately by Irish girls and was handled so roughly that a policeman took him to Scotland Yard for protection. Having demolished their enemy the girls cheered lustily and returned to await the departure of their delegates.

played right in this heart of the British Empire and are giving loyal service.

The crowd out to see the delegates was further intrigued by the surprising appearance of Mrs. Herbert H. Asquith, wife of the Liberal leader, who formerly was Prime Minister, in Downing street. She was not to be seen at the residence of the Prime Minister, but to the Foreign Office, across the way. Every eye was strained to catch a glimpse of "Margot" in a sumptuous frock.

The first participant in the actual conference to arrive was Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and when the crowd saw him he was greeted with mixed cheers and boos. Sir Lansing Worthington Evans, Secretary of State for War, followed, and then Sir Gordon Hewart, Attorney-General, who replaced Austen Chamberlain, Government leader in the House of Commons, who was indisposed. Winston Spencer Churchill walked in later, and Lord Birkenhead, Lord Chancellor, arrived after the Irish delegates.

The Irish delegates were greeted with cheers as two big motorcars in which they were riding drove up. Arthur Griffith, head of the Irish delegation, got out of the first automobile and stood for a moment uncertainly on the sidewalk, and while he thus stood something flashed by him. It was Michael Collins making an extraordinarily agile leap from his motorcar to the door to avoid photographers. The aged doorman declared afterwards that Mr. Collins al-

most knocked him down, but he smiled about it.

Robert Barton, Sinn Fein Minister of Economy; Eamon J. Duggan, Gavan Duffy and Erskine Childers, the other Irish representatives, followed, and the crowd set themselves to a recitation of the rosary, men, women and boys kneeling on the gravel faced pavement. Once the rosary was finished, however, their Irish spirits could not be repressed, and songs were sung and cries were shouted that would have meant sure internment or worse if they had been rung or shouted in Ireland three months ago. Among them was the "Soldier's Song" of Kevin Barry, "Up, the Rebels! Will we get a republic? We will!" and it resounded through the tolerant heart of the British Empire, while rebel flags waved wildly and freely under London "peacemakers' noses."

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY ACCUSED OF KILLING

Belfast Jury Brings in Verdict in Case of Man Shot.

BELFAST, Oct. 11.—At an inquest held to-night into the death by shooting on August 31 of a loyalist, the jury found that death was due "to injuries inflicted by the Irish republican army acting in concert under general orders." The verdict added an appeal to the Government to protect citizens.

The coroner said that the verdict was within the jury's rights.

SINN FEIN COURT HOLDS OPEN SESSION

Dublin Dealers Fined for Selling Watered Milk.

DUBLIN, Oct. 11.—The Republican District Court today for the first time held public sessions in Dublin. Five young men presided, and solicitors in the High Court of Justice in Ireland, who also appeared in the lower courts, attended the sessions.

Many cases were heard, including several brought by the Public Health authorities, for milk adulteration. The defendants were fined and warned not to repeat their offenses. The Judge warned one of the defendants that the district in which he sold milk contained hundreds of children, and that it was the duty of the Republic to protect its future citizens.

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